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SUBJ: JAPAN-CHINE RELATIONS: FUJIYAMA PRESS CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: CHOU EN-LAI HAS PUT MIKI ON SPOT BY TELLING PROMINENT VISITOR THAT, GOJ PUBLIC POSITION TO CONTRARY, PEKING HAS ALREADY REPLIED TO LATEST GOJ DEMARCHE AND STILL INSISTS THAT HEGEMONY CLAUSE REMAIN IN MAIN BODY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. END SUMMARY.

1. LDP MEMBER AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN AIICHIRO FUJIYAMA RETURNED FROM PRC JUNE 15 AND TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT PREMIER CHOU ASSURED HIM PRC HAD ALREADY REPLIED FORMALLY TO JAPANESE DEMARCHE IN ORAL PRESENTATION BY VICE MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG. ACCORDING TO CHOU, HEGEMONY CLAUSE MUST BE PART OF MAIN BODY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. JAPANESE WILL FIND INCLUSION OF CLAUSE IN THEIR INTEREST AS MEANS OF REASSURING SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES THAT JAPAN DOES NOT SEEK ECONOMIC HEGEMONY IN AREA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUJIYAMA COMMENTED THAT CHINESE DISTRUST HAD INCREASED AS

RESULT OF GOJ REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PRC REPLY RECEIVED. HE PROPOSED THAT SPEICIAL JAPANESE ENVOY BE SENT TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE.

- 2. FUJIYAMA WILL SEE MIKE JUNE 17 TO CONVEY MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM CHOU EN-LAI AND BRIED PRIME MINISTER ON CHOU'S REMARKS.
- 3. PRESS QUOTES GOVERNMENT SOURCE AS MAINTAINING ON EVENING OF JUNE 15 THAT GOJ YET TO RECEIVE FORMAL REPLY FROM PRC ON MIKI PROPOSALS.
- 4. COMMENT: FUJIYAMA REMARKS PUT MIKI SQUARELY ON THE SPOT. CHINESE APPEAR TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOJ TRYING TO AVOID ONUS FOR STALLING NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE GONE PUBLIC IN EFFORT TO SHIFT BLAME. HODGSON

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